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In re application of : Guy AZAM et al.

Serial No. : 09/926,086

Filed : December 22, 2000

For : LACE-UP TIGHTENING DEVICE FOR AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, AND AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR EQUIPPED WITH SUCH DEVICE

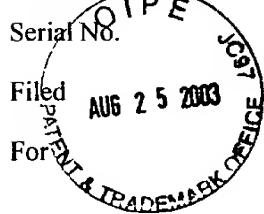
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.112 to the Office Action of May 23, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- No Additional Fee.

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Indep. Claims: 4	**3	1	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$ 84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+140=	\$	+280=	\$ 0.00
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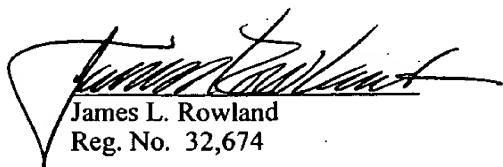
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Applicants : Guy AZAM et al. )  
 Appn. No. : 09/926,086 ) Group Art Unit 3765  
 I.A. Filed : December 22, 2000 ) Examiner James G. SMITH  
 For : LACE-UP TIGHTENING DEVICE FOR ) Confirmation No. 3803  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.112  
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 23, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated May 23, 2003, please enter the following amendment, whereby dependent claims 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30, 33, and 36 have been amended and new claims 42-51 have been added.

Upon entry of the amendment and review of Applicants' remarks below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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